

Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority

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Purpose of JPA

- Pay environmental mitigation costs for the IID/SDCWA and CVWD/IID transfers by collecting, holding, investing, and disbursing funds
- Provide funds for Salton Sea restoration

JPA Structure

- Members include:
 - State Department of Fish and Game
 - Chairs the JPA Commission
 - Coachella Valley Water District
 - Provides legal counsel
 - Imperial Irrigation District
 - San Diego County Water Authority
 - Serves as JPA administrator

Environmental Mitigation for Water Transfers

- Water agencies pay up to \$133 million
 - State pays any additional costs
- Mitigation projects outlined in Environmental Cost Sharing Agreement
 - HCP, BO, CESA, CEQA requirements
 - \$83 million
 - Salinity control for Salton Sea
 - \$50 million

Salton Sea Restoration

- Water Agencies contribute \$30 million
- Department of Fish and Game administers restoration funding program
 - JPA has no direct role in implementing restoration program

Current JPA Activities

- First meeting held February 2004
- Establishing budgets for mitigation projects
 - cash flow projections
 - potential financing requirements
- Setting up administrative program review and cost tracking procedures

Mitigation Activities

- Water agencies have responsibility to implement mitigation projects
 - IID will implement most of the projects
- Costs for mitigation projects are submitted to JPA for reimbursement
- JPA reviews and then reimburses for eligible project costs

Termination of JPA

- JPA terminates the later of when:
 - water transfer mitigation is satisfied and costs fully paid, or
 - terms of IID/SDCWA transfer agreement and IID/CVWD acquisition agreement are terminated